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Remarks:

Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated August 8, 2006. Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-10, 12, 15, 17, 19 and 20 have been amended. Claims 1-23 are currently pending.

In the Action, receipt of the priority papers has been acknowledged. In addition, the Information Disclosure Statements that were submitted are in compliance and have been considered.

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Action stated that the claim recites "waxed in" solvents. The Action stated that this is indefinite. Applicants have reviewed the claim and note that it is a typographical error. The phrase "waxed in" has been changed to "waxes in" to correct the typographical error. Applicants assert that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has been overcome.

In addition, minor changes were made in claims 4, 6, 8-10, 12, 15, 17, 19, and 20. The claims have been amended so that they read more clearly. Applicants assert that no new issues have been raised and no new matter has been added.

A speedy and favorable action on the merits is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.



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